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Mr. Clyde R. Sanchez  
P.O. Box 208  
Dove Creek, CO 81324

Re: Dusty #4 Mine  
ACT/037/031

Dear Mr. Sanchez:

Sorry we were not able to talk with you during our inspection of the Dusty #4 Mine December 7th, 1977.

Prior to our inspection we noted several areas of concern regarding your Mining and Reclamation Plan (MR Form 2), specifically pages 2 and 3 which were left blank. We would like to see you address these items so that we may proceed with the approval process.

We would like to make a few recommendations, if we may:

- (1) The access road could use some drainage improvements, such as water bars or diversion channels, in a few of the sharper turns and at points where the road crosses natural drainages to prevent soil erosion and road washouts.
- (2) After termination of your operation we might suggest removal of all junk and debris, rounding off the waste dump, grading and re-seeding the pad, and closing off the portal.
- (3) A suggested seed mixture might include crested wheatgrass (Fairway variety) at a rate of two (2) pounds per acre, yellow sweetclover at a rate of one (1) pound per acre, and antelope bitterbrush at a rate of two (2) pounds per acre. Fall planting by broadcasting and dragging would be recommended.

If you would need any further assistance in completing this form, please feel free to contact our office. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

JAMES W. SMITH  
RECLAMATION SOILS SPECIALIST

Enclosure: (1) MR Form 2